

To: Allen, Laura[Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
From: Lee, Monica
Sent: Sat 8/15/2015 5:00:21 PM
Subject: Re: Comms materials on spill for Lek

Pulled this from the web. We'll have an updated statement later today and you may want to check in with Liz or tom on what TPs the Admin has been using. I don't know if there's something internal that folks have been using.

EPA is working closely with first responders and local and state officials to ensure the safety of citizens to water contaminated by the spill. The agency has activated its Emergency Operations Center to ensure coordination among its regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington DC. EPA is closely coordinating with the officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute tribe and Navajo Nation. EPA is taking the lead on efforts to contain the leak and flow from the mine is now controlled. EPA has also deployed federal On-Scene Coordinators and other technicians in Colorado, New Mexico and Navajo Nation to assist with preparations and first response activities in these jurisdictions. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the community as experts work to analyze any effects the spill may have on drinking water and public health.

STATEMENT FROM FRIDAY:

August 14, 2015: The EPA sediment samples collected in the Animas River from Bakers Bridge to north of Durango have been validated. EPA has done a review of the data which included a comparison to background to determine if the metal concentrations are consistent with pre-incident levels.

Metal results that exceeded pre-incident levels were subsequently compared to risk-based screening levels. No results exceeded recreational screening levels.

However, comparison to risk-based screening values found these exceedances to below risk screening levels. The review and interpretation of these data was a collaborative effort that included state and local members of the unified command.

Sample date Aug. 11, 2015.

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On Aug 15, 2015, at 11:50 AM, Allen, Laura <Allen.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Anything I can send to them?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hubbard, Carolyn" <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Date: August 15, 2015 at 7:27:47 AM EDT
To: "Allen, Laura" <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Comms materials on spill for Lek

Hi- just checking in on this again. Thanks!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Corona, Elizabeth" <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 6:34:33 PM EDT
To: "Hubbard, Carolyn" <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Comms materials on spill for Lek

Any success on this?

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From: Hubbard, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:47 PM
To: Corona, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Comms materials on spill for Lek

I don't have anything but will request it from OPA tomorrow.

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 6:22 PM, Corona, Elizabeth <Corona.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Carolyn – Lek will be speaking next week at the Intermountain Energy Summit in Idaho Falls. Would you please send me whatever comms materials exist on the recent Colorado spill? He wants to read up over the weekend. Thanks.

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